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**\$17,500 Settlement Reached with DeMenno-Kerdoon**

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with DeMenno-Kerdoon (DK) for hazardous waste violations at its 2000 North Alameda Street facility in Compton, Los Angeles County.

Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), signed in August 2004, DK will pay a total of \$17,500 to DTSC of which \$8,750 is a penalty and \$8,750 reimbursement of DTSC's costs. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/DeMenno\\_Kerdoon/DeMenno\\_ENF\\_CO.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/DeMenno_Kerdoon/DeMenno_ENF_CO.pdf).

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during inspections at the facility in June, July, and August of 2001. The violations noted were:

- Failing to operate the secondary containment areas and sumps free of cracks and gaps
- Failing to develop and follow an inspection schedule for inspection of secondary containment of the wastewater and vacuum distillation areas
- Recycling used oil in its receiving tanks without a permit or authorization from DTSC

DK has submitted a request for a permit modification as a part of the settlement. The permit modification request is presently being reviewed by DTSC.

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